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I AM MEANT TO BE A
LEADER OF MEN, TO SAVE
SOULS AND TEACH OTHERS
TO DO THE SAME, YET IN
THIS MATTER I FIND
MYSELF IN DOUBT.



CAN ALL MEN BE SAVED?



AND WHAT OF PLACES?



CAN A PLACE SIN?

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AND IF A PLACE CAN SIN...



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THREE TIMES I HAVE SENT STUDENTS
OF MINE TO MINISTER TO MR. BURKITT'S
NEW TOWNSHIP.



THREE TIMES THEY HAVE
LEFT AND RETURNED TO
US SAYING ...

...I HAVE BEEN MUCH ABUSED
BY THE DOUBT, SUPERSTITIOUS
NATURE OF THE
CITIZENRY ...



...WHO BELIEVE THE
WOODS ABOUT THEIR
TOWN TO HAVE EVIL
SPIRITS ...



...AND WHO ALL THE
WHILE WARRIOR AMONGST
THEM THE ARSONIST!



THREE TIMES THE HOUSE OF WORSHIP WAS EVENED
BEFORE THE CHURCH WAS EVEN COMPLETE.

CAN SUCH A PLACE BE SAVED?



I WOULD BE DONE WITH THE MATTER, BUT FOR THE SITUATION OF MR. SWANITT, OUR BENEFCTOR. HE CAME TO ME THIS EVENING, PLEADING THAT HE...

...MUST HAVE A PROPER MINISTER AND CHURCH IF I'M TO KEEP THESE DAMNED TENT MISSIONARY METHODISTS FROM GETTING A HOLD ON THE PLACE.



PART ON THE LANGUAGE, REVEREND.



IT WOULD SEEM METHODISM GIVES PARTICULAR OFFENCE TO MR. SWANITT, AND SO WE HAVE THAT SECT TO THANK FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SCHOOL.



...BUT I'VE A RIGHT TO EXPECT SOMETHING AFTER DROPPING SUCH A HEAP OF MY MONEY HERE.

WERE IT NOT FOR OUR GRATITUDE, I WOULD TAKE NO ACTION, BUT LET THEM ENJOY THEIR OWN LEADERSHIP.



I WONDER, WHAT SORT OF MAN
WOULD THEY CHOOSE?



AND WHAT WILL THEY THINK
OF THE MAN I HAVE CHOSEN
FOR THEM?



I DO NOT KNOW WHY I DID NOT
THINK SOONER TO SEND THEM
MATTHEW EDWARDS



...THE CLOTHES WILL NOT SHIELD YOU
FROM THE FIRES OF DAMNATION!

HE HAS BEEN SINGULARLY DIFFICULT
TO PLACE, AND UNHAPPY WITH ALL OUR
EFFORTS - THOUGH HIS TIME AT ALL
FAST CHURCHES HAS BEEN SINGULARLY
EFFECTIVE.



PERHAPS HE AND THIS BROOKTOWNVILLE
WILL SUIT ONE ANOTHER.



EDWARDS CLAIMS HE IS A DESCENDANT
OF THE FAMOUS AND RESPECTED
REVEREND EDWARDS OF
MASSACHUSETTS...



... ALSO OF THE BILLINGS
FAMILY, WHO SAVE US MANY
FINE PREACHERS.



EDWARDS IS A STERN MAN, MUCH
IN SEEMING LIKE HIS GRIM
ANCESTORS. JUST THE SORT,
HE TOLD ME, TO...



...BEAT WILLY SINNERS ALONG
THE PATH TO THEIR SALVATION!



HAVING BEEN IN
BRYANTSVILLE ONE
MONTH, MATTHEW
EDWARDS WRITES TO
SAY THAT CONSTRUCTION
OF ANOTHER CHURCH
HAS BEGUN.

MRS CONNORANT'S
COMPLAINED THAT THIS
TOO WOULD BE
DEstroyED. HE TOLD
THIM...

... I SHALL DIE
BEFORE ANOTHER
CHURCH BURNS IN
THIS TOWN. FOR A
RIGHTEDUS MAN CAN
AND MUST WORK
GOD'S WILL.

AT LEAST LET US
CHOOSE A NEW SITE!

FURTHER FROM
OUR HOMES,
PLEASE?

YOU WOULD LET THIS
SLASHING ARSONIST
HAVE YOUR HAND
FOR YOU?

THEY ARE COMPLAINT, THOUGH
STUBBORN, HE WRITES, IN THEIR
INSTANCE THAT...

...THERE'S SOMETHING IN
THEM WORDS AS HATES
US, REVEREND.

... SIMPLE
AS THAT.









I HAVE MEDITATED ON THE WORDS OF THIS FAMOUS SERMON, AND ITS PHRASES HAVE SUGGESTED TO ME WHAT HAS BEFALLEN EDWARDS AND HIS FLOCK.



IN 1741, REVEREND JONATHAN EDWARDS SPoke OF ALL SINNERS, "THEY ARE AS GREAT HEAPS OF LIGHT CHAFF BEFORE THE WINDMILLS..."

COME! WE SHALL DRIVE THE WICKEDNESS OUT, WHEREVER WE FIND IT!



"...OR LARGE QUANTITIES OF DRY STUBBLE BEFORE DEVOURING FLAMES."



"THE DEVILS WATCH THEM, THEY ARE
EVER BY THEM AT THEIR RIGHT HAND..."

...A VOICE...
CALLING OUT
LIKE A CHILD'S?


I HEARD AN
OLD WOMAN.

IT'S
HER.

ENOUGH OF SUCH WICKED FOULNESS!

YOU KILL WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF
YOUR OWN FOLK, NOTHING MORE!





"THEY STAND WAITING FOR THEM,
LIKE GREEDY, HUNGRY LIONS."



"I'VE GATHERED YOU
HERE THAT YOU MAY SEE
THE TRUTH..."

"...AND NOW AS YOU STAND HERE, I HOPE YOU WILL SEE THE TRUTH... WE MUST BRING YOU TO THE LIGHT."



"THE ONLY THING TO BE
FEARED HERE CAME IN
WITH US. IT HAS ALWAYS
BEEN SO..."

"HE
ALWAYS
SIT"

"THEY TRUST TO NOTHING BUT A GODDESS."





...EVEN AS WE SEE FOR THE SAFETY
OF OUR SOULS?

"THE DEVILS WATER TEAM, THEY ARE CHOOSING THEM AT THEIR RIGHT HAND..."

How how, know what needs being done you burns the witches a meat?

YOU SEE, WE MEANS
TO DO IT TODAY, HERE.

WHAT SHALL
WE DO?

THEY BURN WITCHES
IS WHAT'S DONE.

Know

WE SAID IT
HIMSELF...

...OTHER HE DIES ON
THE HOUSE OF GOD
EVEN'S FACE MORE.

"...WAITING FOR THEM, LIKE OTHERS, WITHOUT LIVES."



I DO BELIEVE I KNOW WHAT'S
BEHIND OF EDWARDS.

FILTHY
WITCH!



"THE UNSEEN, UNTHOUGHT-OF
WAYS AND MEANS OF PERSONS
GOING SUDDENLV OUT OF THE
WORLD ARE INNUMERABLE
AND INCONCEIVABLE."





DEMON!

MINISTER!



WE'LL WILL BE
FREE, I SAY.

WE'LL WILL
BE FREE.
AT LAST.





END WITH A PLACE TO SAY?